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The number of obsolete words that are to be found in Webster's Dictionary is considerably larger than people have any idea of. The following letter, written by an alleged poet to an editor who had treated his poetry with derision, furnishes some idea of them:—'Sir: You have behaved like an impudiginous serogle! Like those who, envious of any moral celsitude, carry their un-gicity to the height of creating symposically fecund words which my pollymathic genius uses with uberty to abligate the tongues of the weetless! Sir, you have crassly parodied my own pet words as though they were tran-grams. I will not coaservate reproaches—I will oduce a veil over the atramental ingratitude which has chamfered even my indiscerptible heart. I am silent on the focillation which my co-adjuvancy must have given you when I offered to become your fantor and adminicle. I will not speak of the lippitude, the ob-lespy, you have shown in exacer-bating me, one whose genius you should have approached with disalceation. So I tell you, without supervacaneous words, nothing will render ignoscible your conduct to me. I warn you that I would yellicate your nose if I thought that any moral diarthros-is thereby could be performed—if I thought I should not impignorate my reputation. Go! tachygraphic serogle, band with your crass inquisite fantors; draw oblectations from the thought, if you can, of having synchronically lost the existimation of the greatest poet since Milton.' And yet all these words are to be found in the Dictionary.

Origin of a Name.

The popular notion that Amer-ica was so called from the Christ-ian name of Amerigo Vespucci is, it is said, wholly unfounded, the name really being taken from 'Amerrique, the Indian name of the mountains between Julgalapa and Libertad, in the provinces of Choutales, which separate Lake Nicaragua from the Mosquito Coast. The name in the Maya language signifies 'the windy country,' or the 'country where the wind blows always.' The Christian name of Vespucci was Alberico in Italian and Spanish, and Albericus in Latin, but it is subject to a great number of variations, and the name Amerigo, is probably an adaptation of Amerrique, added to Vespucci's name to distinguish it (Amerrique being a name already known and applied to the New World) in the same way as we say now 'Chinese Gordon' to distinguish this particular Gordon by suggesting one of his heroic feats. Vespucci's claim to the discovery of America is put out of court by the fact that he was in Seville when Columbus made his voyage. He did, however, make two or three voyages to the New World later on, and being a vain man and acquainted with map makers, he would be nothing loth to see his name associated with the vague splendors of the new continent.